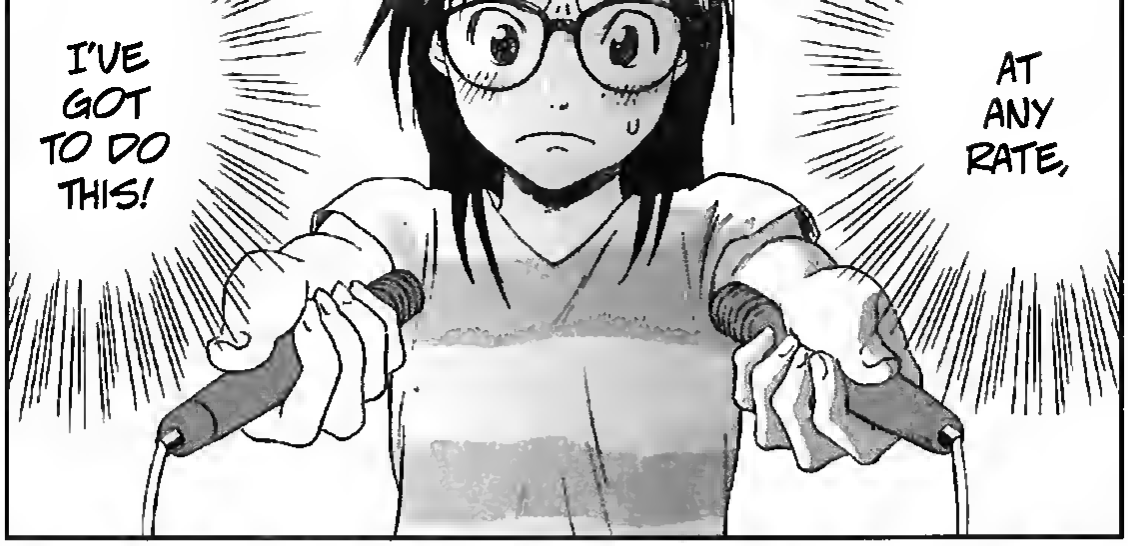
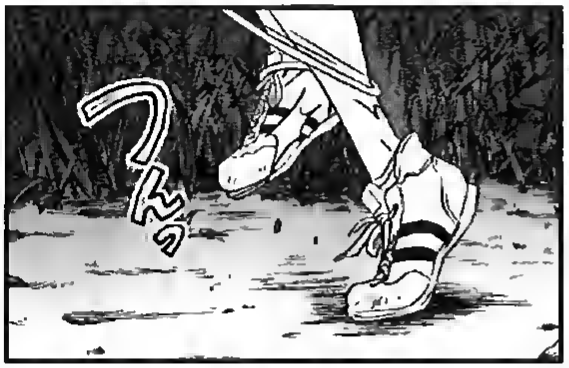

I'VE GOT TO DO THIS!
AT ANY RATE,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WHY CAN'T I DO THIS!!
WHY?
ASAHI!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
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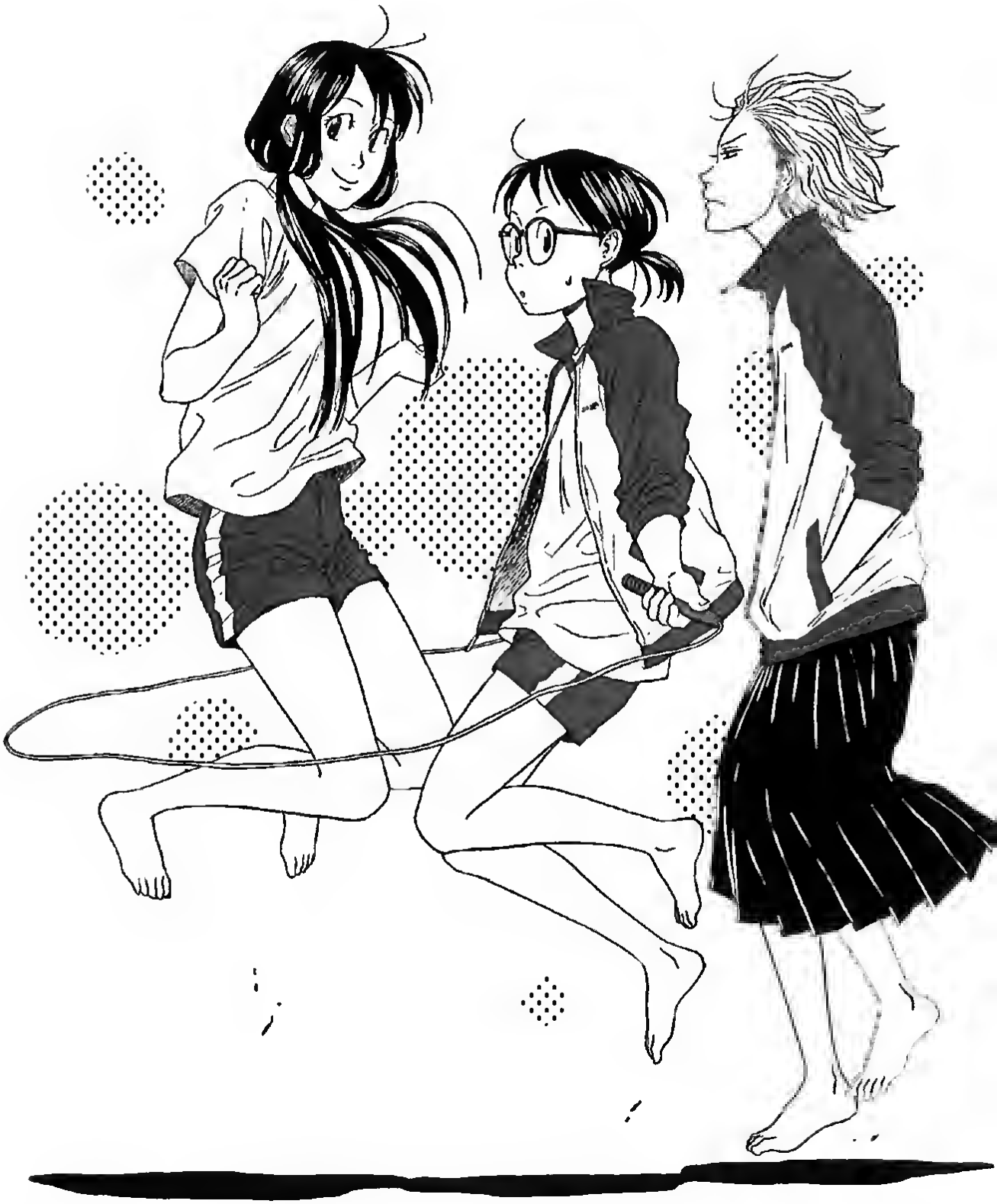
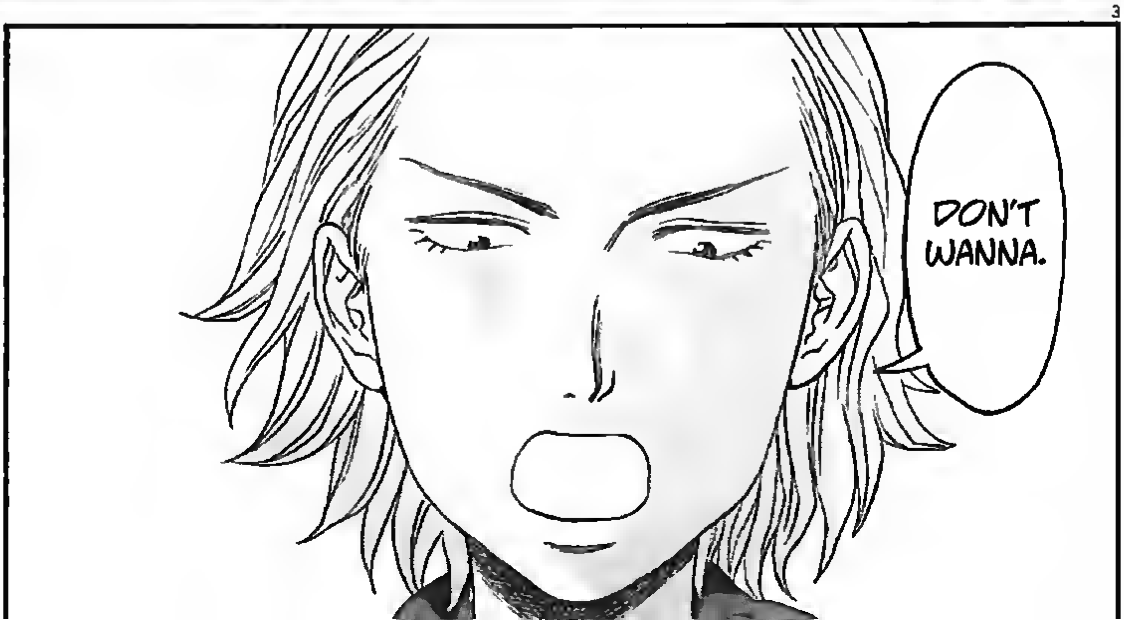


I BEG OF YOU!!
PLEASE TEACH ME HOW TO JUMP ROPE!!


DON'T WANNA.

WHY SHOULD WE TAKE IT SLOW WAITING ON A DIMWIT SHORTY LIKE YOU TO CATCH UP WITH OUR PACE?
YOU DON'T GET IT.
EVEN THOUGH YOU SEE ME KNEELING BEFORE YOU...
YOU KNEEL TOO EASILY. IF I PAMPER YOU, YOU'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY KINDNESS.
IT'S FOR YOU AND EVERYONE'S SAKE.
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT THEN QUIT.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

NOGAMI SENPAI!
GOING TO PRACTICE JUMPING ROPE?
ASAHI-CHAN JUST ASKED SHOKO-CHAN TO TEACH HER HOW TO JUMP ROPE.
SHE BLUNTLY SAID NO.
WHY SHOULD I TEACH SOMEONE WHO TRIPS EVERY TEN TIMES?
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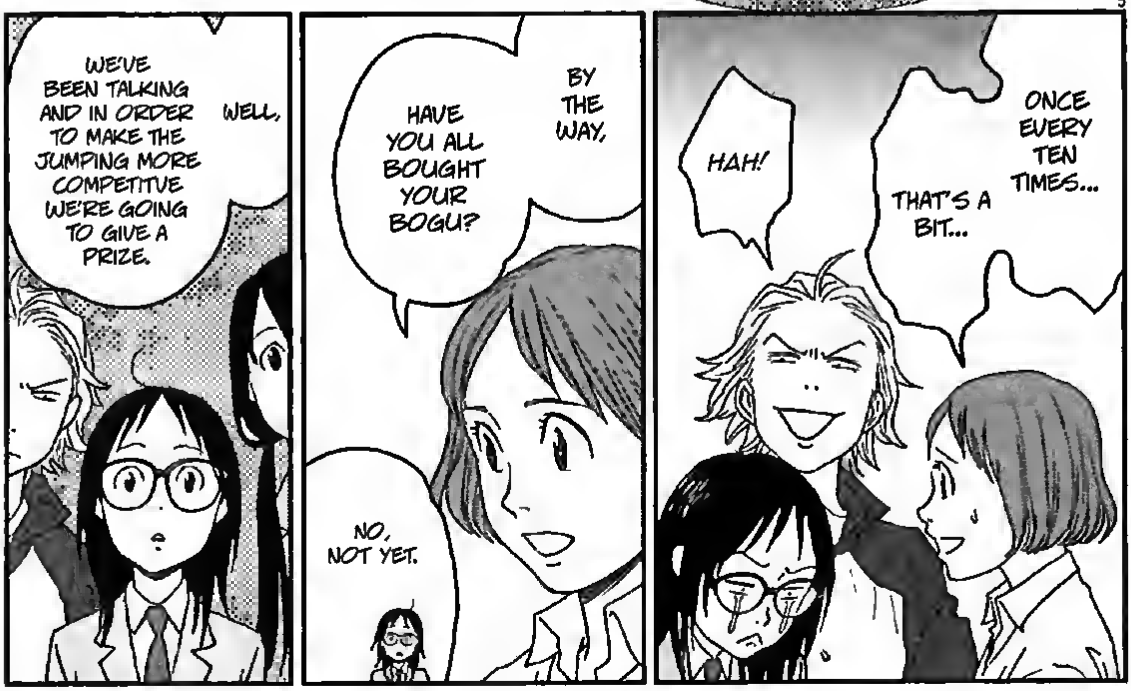
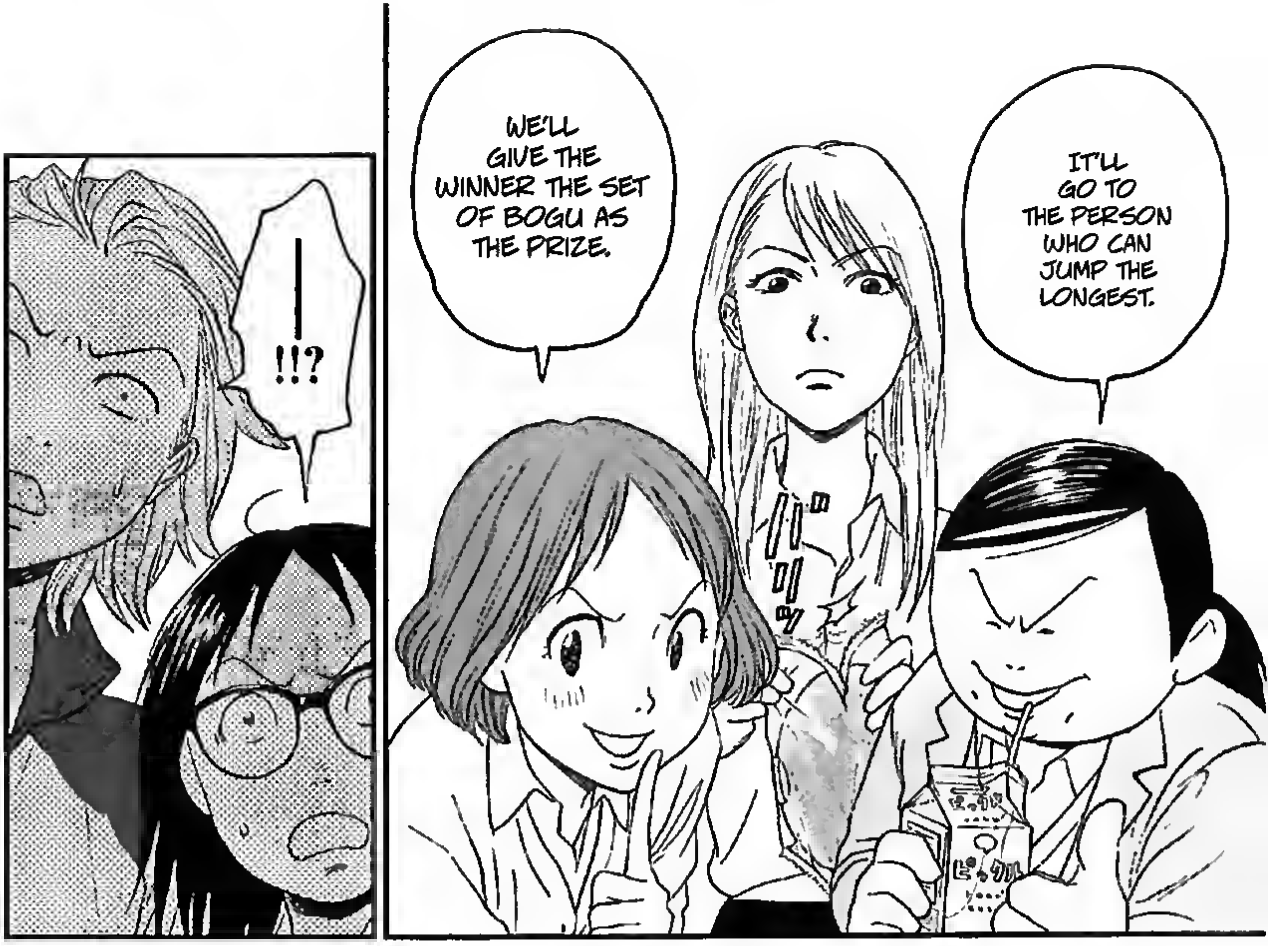

WELL, WE'VE BEEN TALKING AND IN ORDER TO MAKE THE JUMPING MORE COMPETITVE WE'RE GOING TO GIVE A PRIZE.
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU ALL BOUGHT YOUR BOGU?
NO, NOT YET.
HAH!
ONCE EVERY TEN TIMES...
THAT'S A BIT...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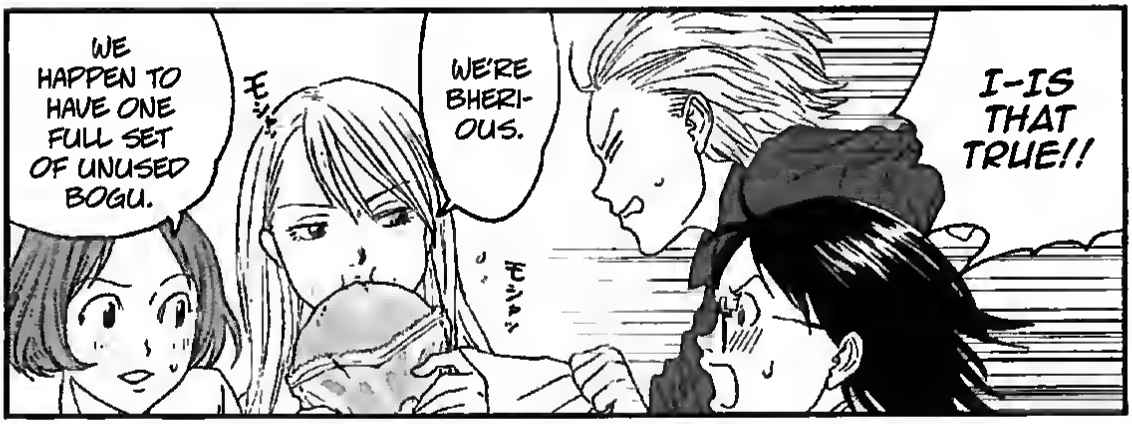
WE'LL GIVE THE WINNER THE SET OF BOGU AS THE PRIZE.
IT'LL GO TO THE PERSON WHO CAN JUMP THE LONGEST.


WE HAPPEN TO HAVE ONE FULL SET OF UNUSED BOGU.
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WE'RE BHERI-OUS.
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I-IS THAT TRUE!!

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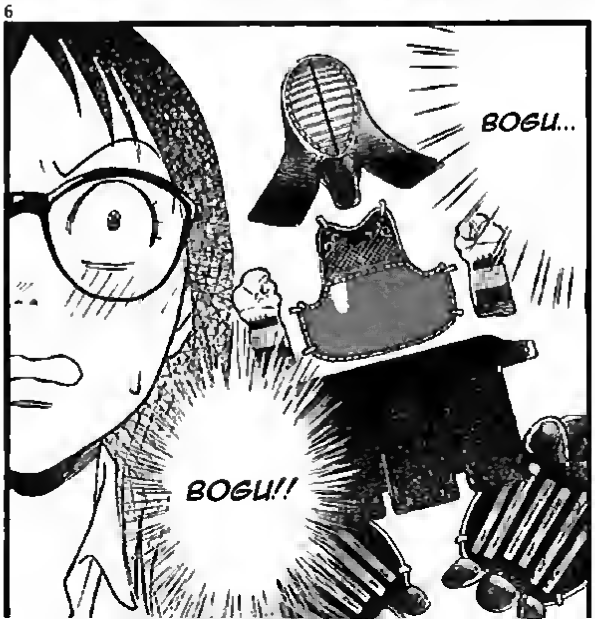
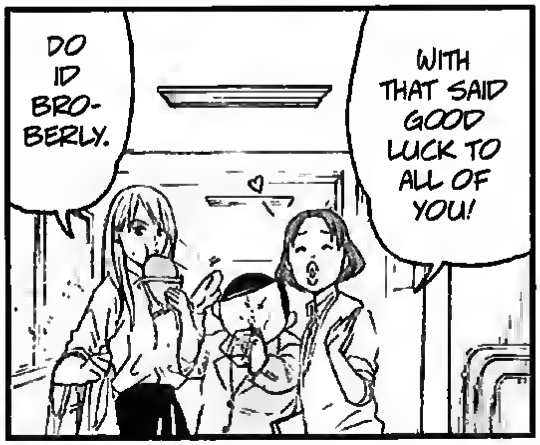
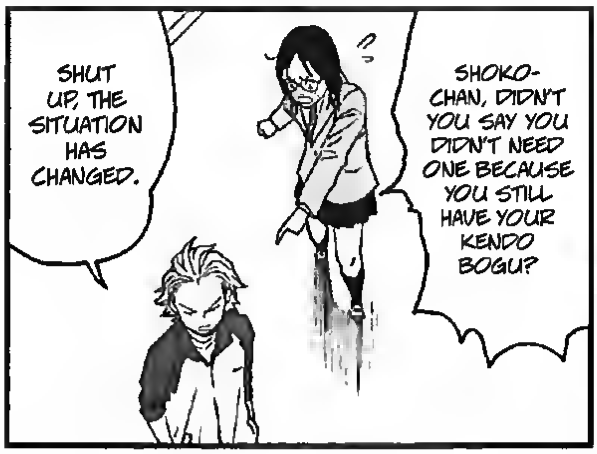
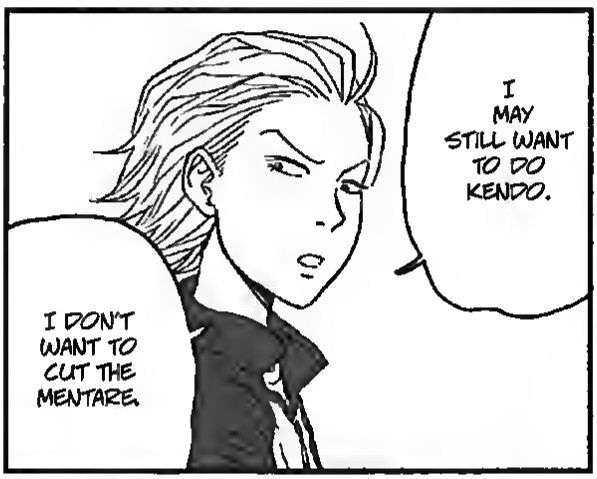

BOGU...
BOGU!!


DO ID BRO-BERLY.
WITH THAT SAID GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!


SHUT UP, THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
SHOKO-CHAN, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T NEED ONE BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE YOUR KENDO BOGU?


I MAY STILL WANT TO DO KENDO.
I DON'T WANT TO CUT THE MENTARE.

OH YEAH. I'M GONNA GET IT.
AH!

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IT'S TOUGH BEING POOR...

I HAD TO BEG MY PARENTS TO BUY MY BOGU AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I CAN BUY!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!!

I WILL DEFINITELY
GET THAT BOGU!!

PERSONAL BEST TIME AT JUMPING ROPE IS 30 MINUTES?
EH?
THAT MY
DID I TELL YOU?
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30 MIN-

IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU I CAN TEACH YOU,
HOW TO JUMP ROPE.

SAKURA-CHAAAN.

Second Martial Arts Dojo
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SA-SAKURA-CHAN...
WHAT ARE THESE?
THUMB TACKS.
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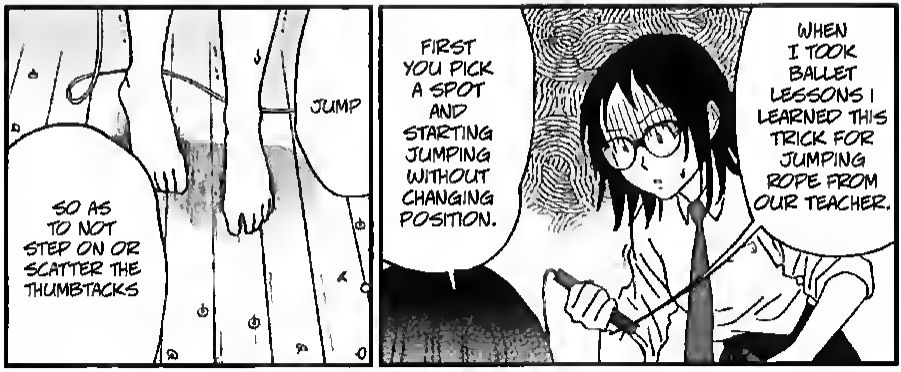
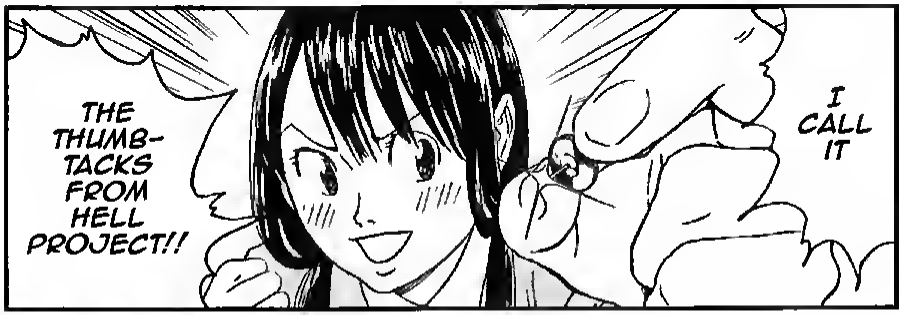

JUMP
SO AS TO NOT STEP ON OR SCATTER THE THUMBTACKS
FIRST YOU PICK A SPOT AND STARTING JUMPING WITHOUT CHANGING POSITION.
WHEN I TOOK BALLET LESSONS I LEARNED THIS TRICK FOR JUMPING ROPE FROM OUR TEACHER.


THE THUMB-TACKS FROM HELL PROJECT!!
I CALL IT

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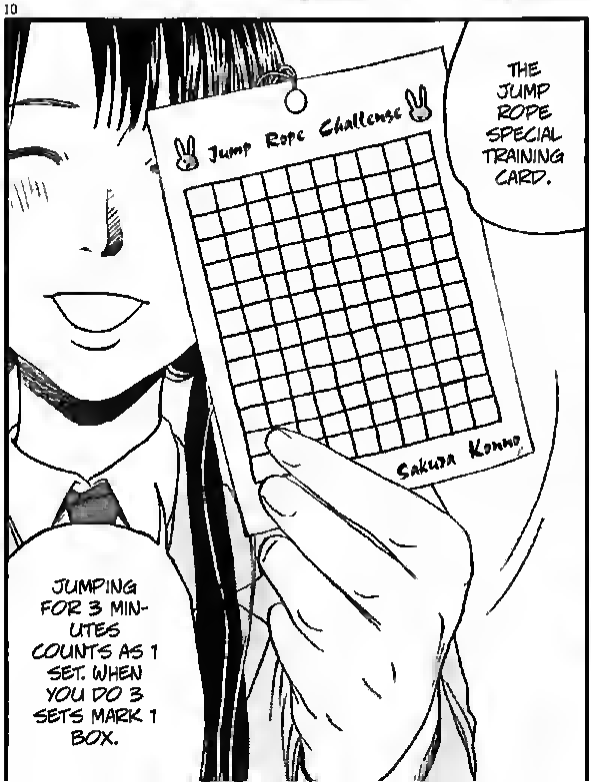
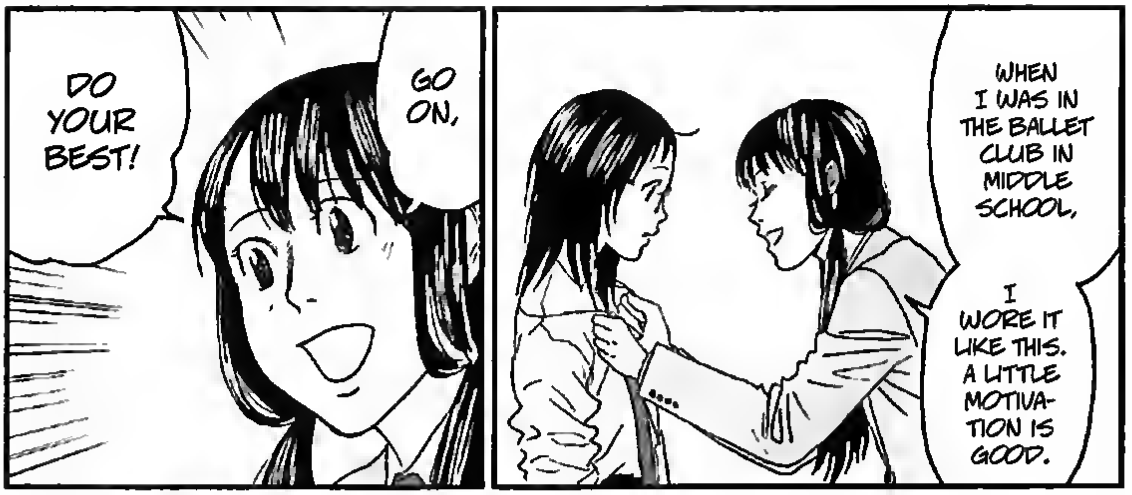
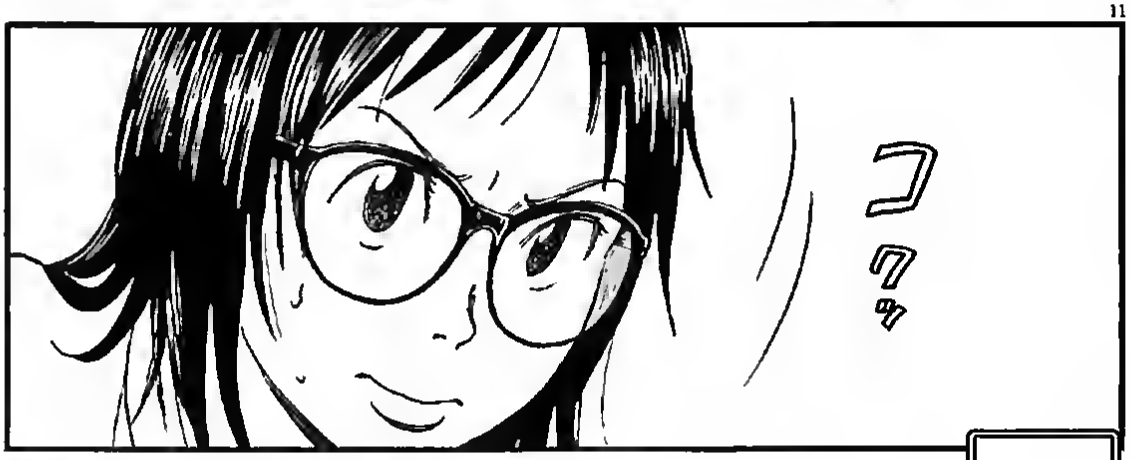

Jump Rope Challenge
Sakura Konno
THE JUMP ROPE SPECIAL TRAINING CARD.
JUMPING FOR 3 MIN-UTES COUNTS AS 1 SET. WHEN YOU DO 3 SETS MARK 1 BOX.

THEN
THERE IS THIS


GO ON,
DO YOUR BEST!
WHEN I WAS IN THE BALLET CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I WORE IT LIKE THIS. A LITTLE MOTIVATION IS GOOD.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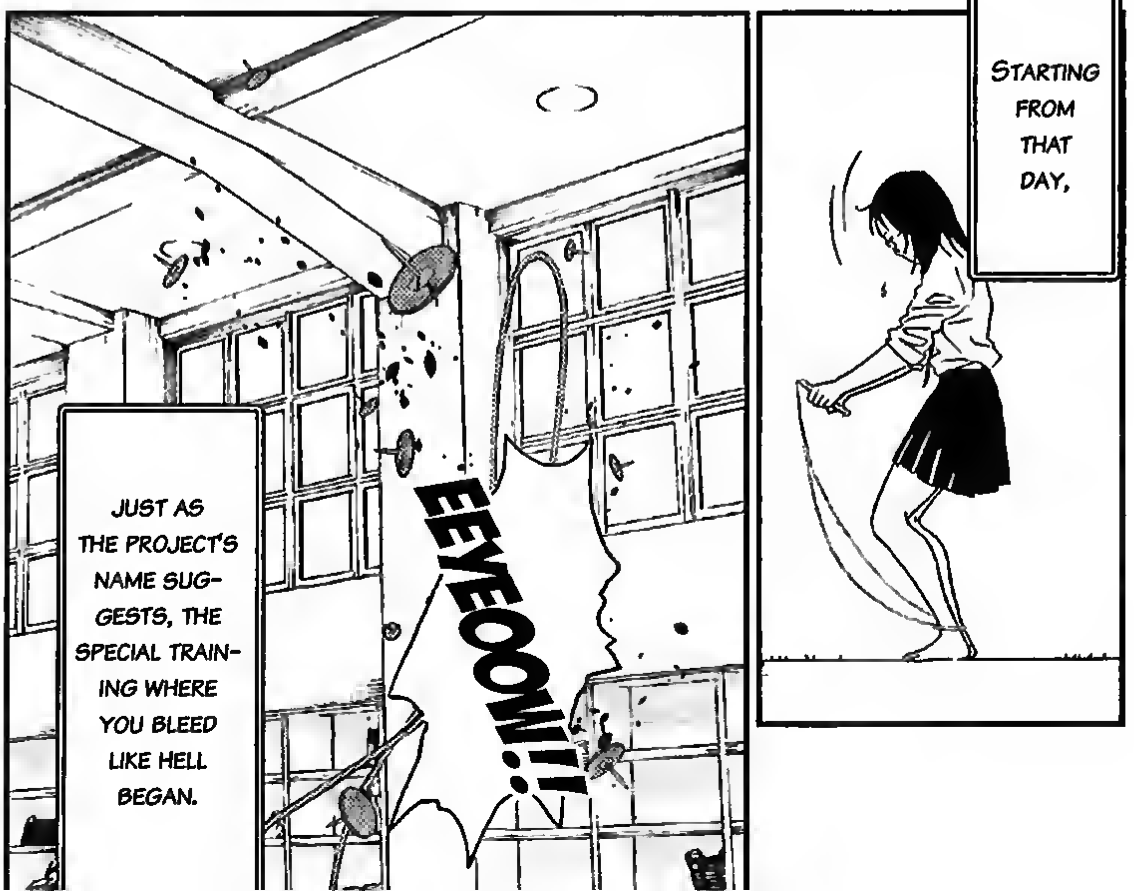
STARTING FROM THAT DAY,
JUST AS THE PROJECT'S NAME SUGGESTS, THE SPECIAL TRAINING WHERE YOU BLEED LIKE HELL BEGAN.
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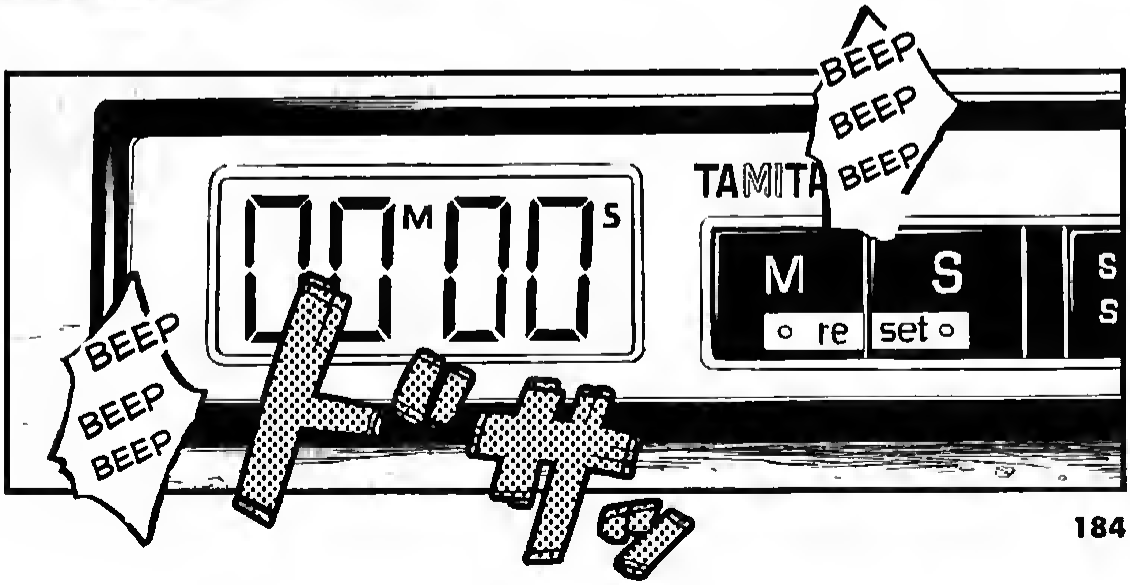
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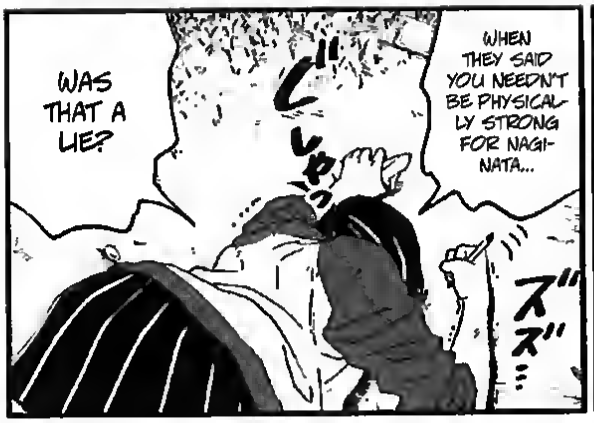
WAS THAT A LIE?
WHEN THEY SAID YOU NEEDN'T BE PHYSICALLY STRONG FOR NAGINATA...
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HAA
THREE,
GASP
GASP
THREE MINUTES.
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PITIFUL.

ISN'T IT TRUE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT SPORTS WILL ALWAYS WIN?
AFTER ALL, IN THIS WORLD,
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AT LAST, THE DAY OF THE TEST ARRIVES.
AND THEN, WHEN THE OTHERS HAVE STARTED TO FORGET ABOUT ASAHI'S JUMPING ROPE PRACTICE...

TOU-JIMA!!
OI, TOUJIMA!!

I REMEMBER HER SAYING SHE WAS GOING TO GET HERE EARLY.
MAYBE, SHE CHICK-ENED OUT. YA THINK?

DAMMIT!
WHERE DID SHE RUN OFF TO?

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EITHER WAY, JUST THE TWO OF US CAN GET EVERY-THING READY.

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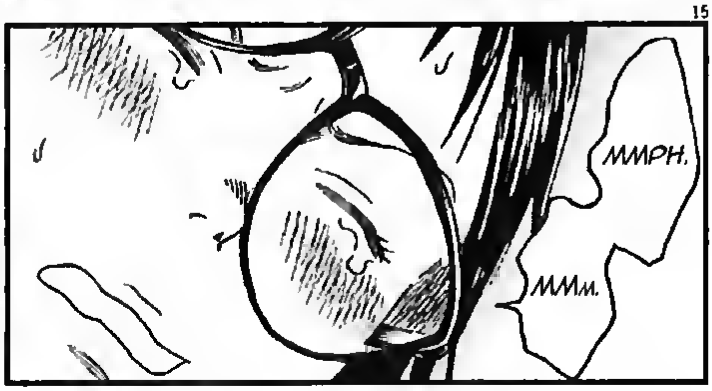

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
IT'S A ROPE JUMPING SCORE CARD I MADE.
I HOPE SHE'S DOING WELL...

WAKE UP!!
HIDING UNDER A ROCK, WHAT ARE YOU A BUG?
UMM.

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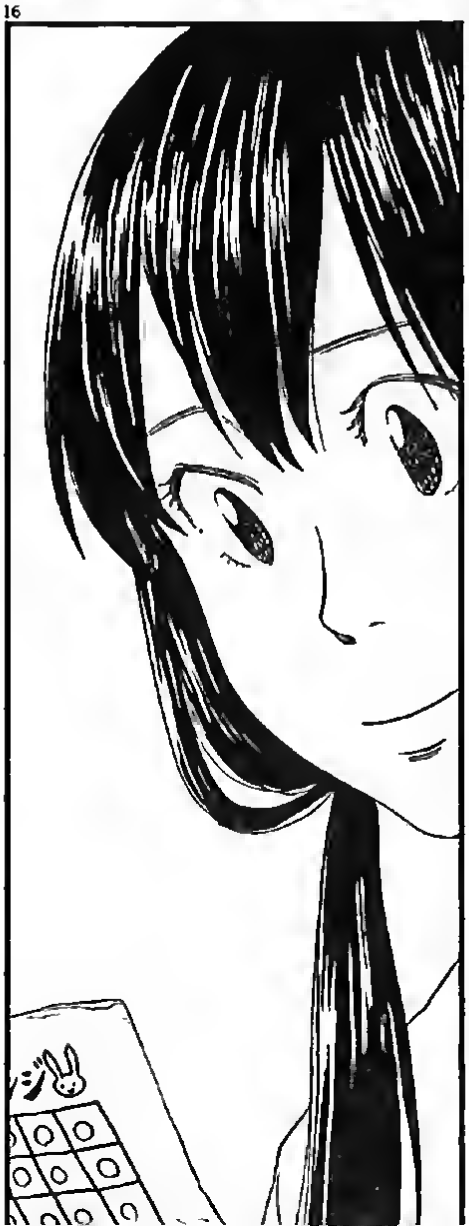
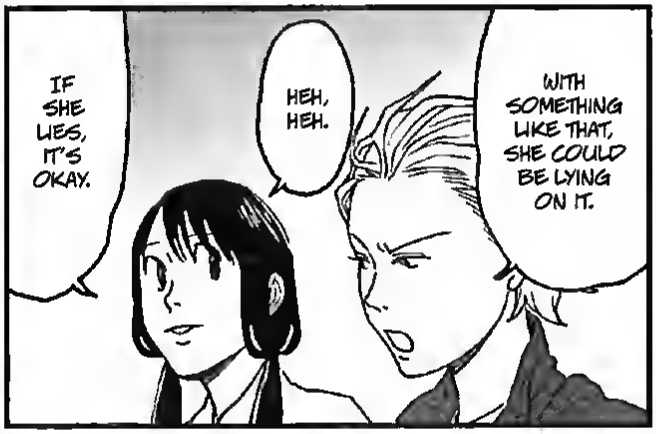
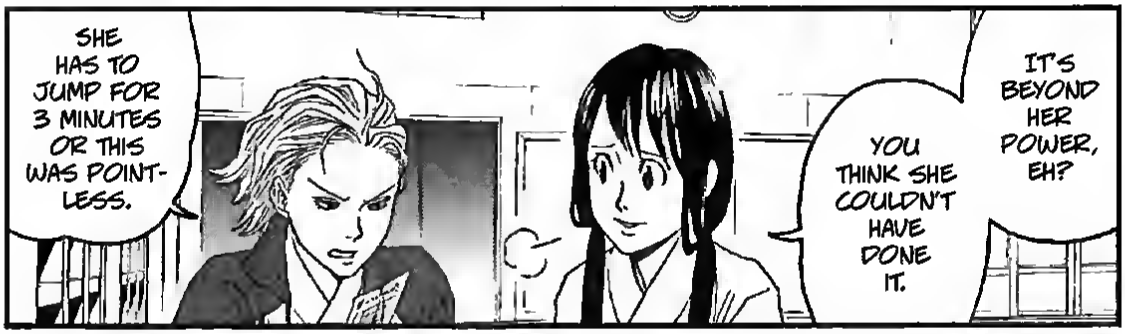



IF SHE LIES, IT'S OKAY.
HEH, HEH.
WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SHE COULD BE LYING ON IT.

YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO USE IT.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS,

THE TYPE WHO WOULD LIE.
SHE'S NOT.


SHE HAS TO JUMP FOR 3 MINUTES OR THIS WAS POINT-LESS.
YOU THINK SHE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT.
IT'S BEYOND HER POWER, EH?

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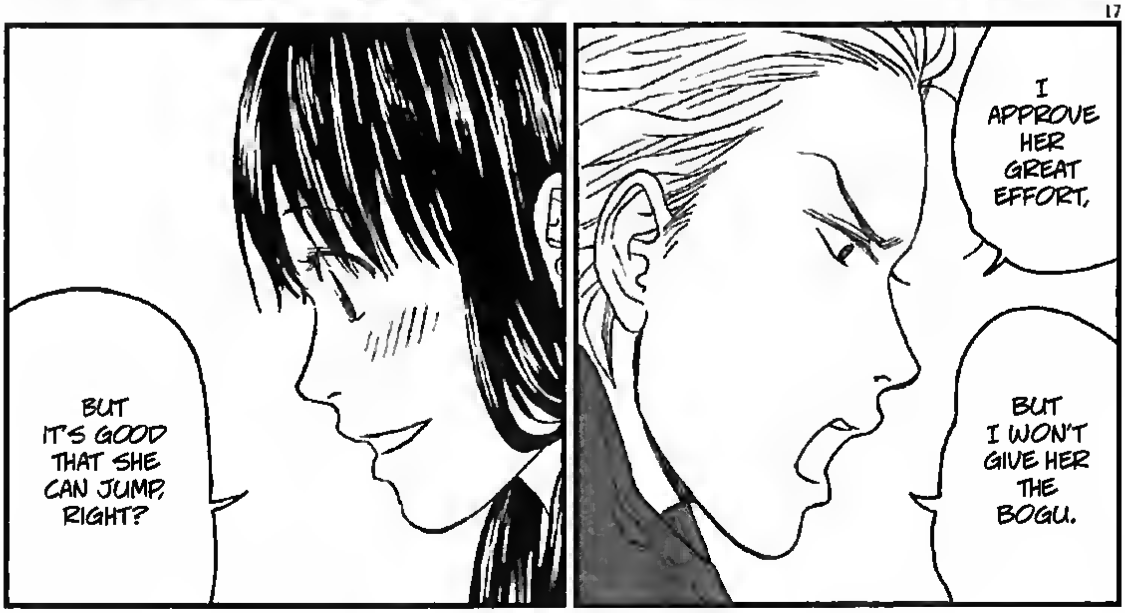
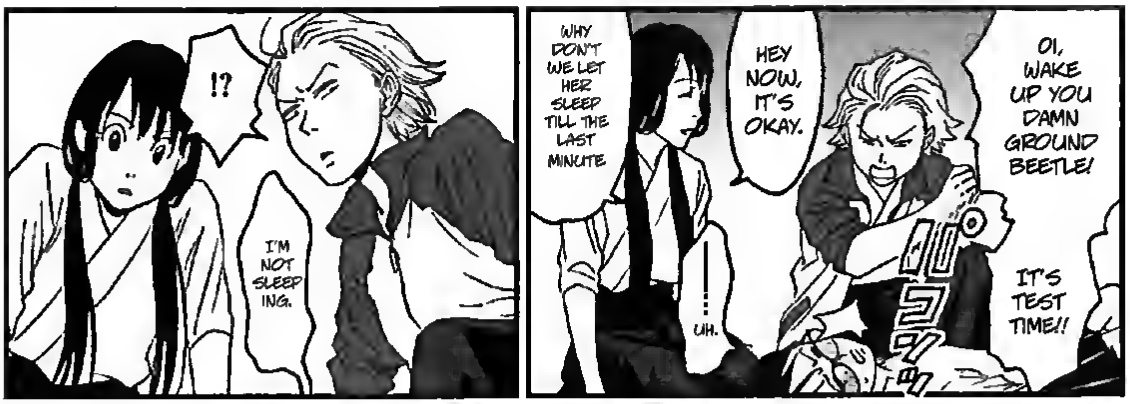

BUT IT'S GOOD THAT SHE CAN JUMP, RIGHT?
I APPROVE HER GREAT EFFORT.
BUT I WON'T GIVE HER THE BOGU.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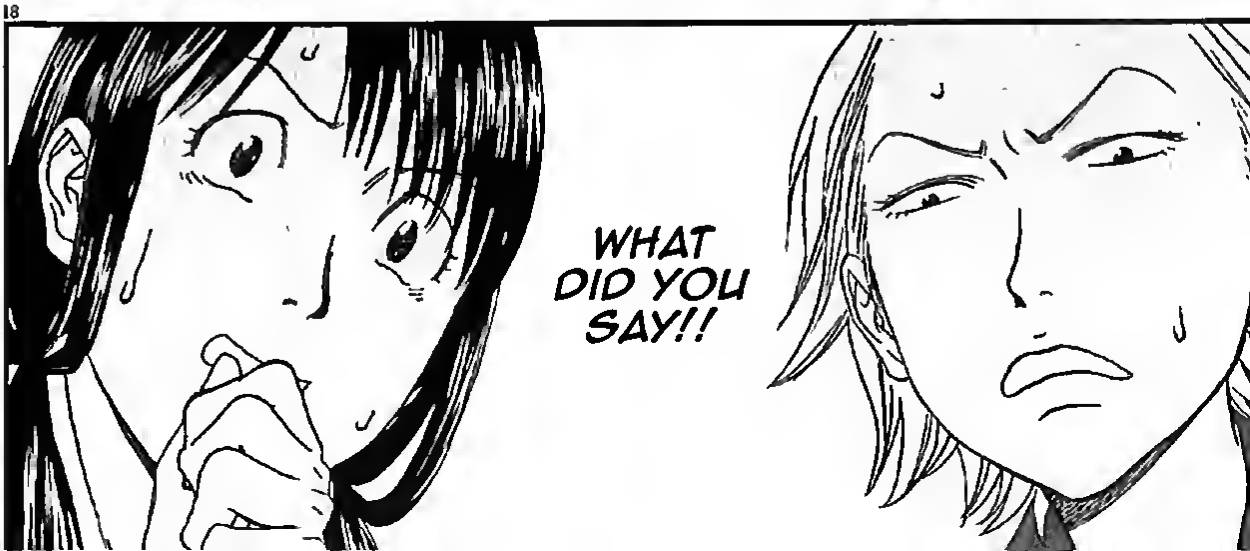
I'M NOT SLEEPING.
WHY DON'T WE LET HER SLEEP TILL THE LAST MINUTE
HEY NOW, IT'S OKAY.
UH.
OI, WAKE UP YOU DAMN GROUND BEETLE!
IT'S TEST TIME!!

I'M AWAKE, BUT...
I CAN'T GET UP.


WHAT DID YOU SAY!!

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